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TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.

James W. Bailey John K. Sargent
 Stephen L. Kelly

Assessors

Frank E. Bartlett,	Term expires March, 1915
Ralph H. Sargent,	Term expires March, 1916
William C. Russell,	Term expires March, 1917

Town Clerk.

Clifton B. Heath.

Treasurer.

*Willis H. Scott. **Fred C. Grant

Collector of Taxes.

Fred W. George.

Auditor.

Everett B. Russell.

Water Commissioners.

George A. Titcomb,	Term expires March, 1916
Warren A. Bailey,	Term expires March, 1917
*Willis H. Scott,	Term expires March, 1915

Municipal Light Board.

George A. Titcomb,	Term expires March, 1916
Warren A. Bailey,	Term expires March, 1917
*Willis H. Scott,	Term expires March, 1915

Registrars of Voters.

Frank F. Philbrick
Charles E. Rowell

Horace K. Emery
Clifton B. Heath

Tree Warden.

Charles R. Ford

Superintendent of Streets

Edward F. Goodwin

Constables

**Warren T. Woodburn
Carlton C. Witham

John J. Minahan
Fred O. Bailey

School Committee

Fred C. Grant,	Term expires March, 1916
Ralph H. Sargent,	Term expires March, 1915
Ellen M. Murphy,	Term expires March, 1917

Trustees of Public Library

Thomas H. Hoyt,	Term expires March, 1916
William B. Sargent,	Term expires March, 1916
Herbert O. Delano,	Term expires March, 1917
B. Frank Smith,	Term expires March, 1917
Albert P. Wadleigh,	Term expires March, 1915
Charles W. Sawyer,	Term expires March, 1915

Trustees of Kimball Park

Walter L. Chaloner,	Term expires March, 1916
Fred C. Grant,	Term expires March, 1917
Richard A. Sargent,	Term expires March, 1915

Trustees of Cemeteries

Willis H. Scott,	Term expires March, 1916
George G. Larkin,	Term expires March, 1917
Charles E. Rowell,	Term expires March, 1915

Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark

Byron H. Sargent

John E. Currier

Edgar P. Sargent

Fence Viewers

Lorenzo B. Blaisdell

James C. Libby

Edson C. Walker

Weighers of Coal and Measurers of Grain

Byron H. Sargent

Edward H. Preble

Alice J. Hoyt

Inspector of Animals

George W. Hoyt

Fish and Game Wardens

Oran W. Burke

Fred O. Bailey

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Henry C. Manning

Forest Warden

Edgar P. Sargent

Burial Agent

Albert A. Trull

Field Drivers

George E. Franklin

Henry A. Jackson

Burton C. Lefavor

Superintendent Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth Suppression

Charles R. Ford

Engineers of Fire Department

William S. Tuckwell

*Wallace A. Carter

Angus McInnis

**John E. Bean

*Resigned.

**Appointed to fill unexpired term.

APPROPRIATIONS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 2, 1914

Support of poor,	\$1,500 00
Mothers' pension fund,	400 00
Soldiers' relief,	125 00
Fire department,	1,500 00
Forest warden,	75 00
Highways and bridges,	1,125 00
Snow and washouts,	500 00
Sidewalks and crossings,	200 00
Railings,	75 00
Tree warden,	150 00
Public library,	400 00
Oil lamps,	10 00
Miscellaneous,	500 00
Board of health,	50 00
Suppression of gypsy and brown tail moths,	514 00
Memorial Day,	100 00
Cemeteries,	100 00
Discount,	200 00
Light department, maintenance,	1,644 21
Water department,	
For municipal use,	2,171 00
Construction,	250 00
Maintenance,	1,266 21
Schools,	
General appropriation,	7,700 00
Transportation,	500 00
Superintendent,	375 00
Extra repairs,	350 00

Bonding town officers,	110 00
Insuring town property,	240 00
Water street light extension,	75 00
Merrimac street light extension,	75 00
Auto signs,	25 00
Fire alarm boxes,	210 00

Town Officers

Chairman of selectmen,	\$ 500 00
Second selectman,	100 00
Third selectman,	100 00
Assessors (to be divided equally),	150 00
Town clerk,	75 00
Town treasurer,	100 00
Collector of taxes,	350 00
Registrars of voters,	70 00
School committee,	100 00
Chief of police,	150 00
Special police,	75 00
Auditor of accounts,	50 00
Sealer of Weights and Measures,	5 00
Fire engineers,	75 00
Night watchman ,	730 00
Inspector of animals,	25 00
Election officers,	85 00
Moderator,	8 00
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	\$2,748 00

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, MAY 12, 1914

Main street electric extension,	\$1,000 00
Lake Attitash electric light extension,	850 00

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

Greeting:—We, the Selectmen of the Town for the year 1914 hereby submit the following report:

We have issued and approved warrants, authorizing the Treasurer to make payments amounting to \$69,283.58, as follows:

NOTES

Assessed for	\$11,600 00
First Nat. Bank of Merrimac, note,	1,600 00
C. D. Parker & Co., note,	10,000 00
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	\$11,600 00

INTEREST

Assessed for	\$ 308 00
First Nat. Bank, interest on deposits,	176 67
C. D. Parker & Co., premium on note,	2 50
F. W. George, interest on taxes,	306 17
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	\$ 793 34
Unexpended,	396 61
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	\$ 396 73
Inst. savings, interest on loan,	\$ 280 00
First Nat. Bank, interest on loan,	28 00
C. D. Parker & Co., interest on loan,	88 73
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	\$396 73

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SCHOOLS

Appropriation,	\$ 8,925 00	
Received and due from state,	1,659 01	
Received and due from tuition,	227 50	
Received from sale of books,	35	
Received from dog tax,	122 59	
Overdrawn,	1 53	
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	\$10,935 98	
Salaries,	\$ 8,015 80	
Supplies and incidentals,	424 10	
Transportation,	636 50	
Fuel,	662 03	
Repairs,	1,097 55	
Tuition,	100 00	
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		\$10,935 98

WATER DEPARTMENT

Appropriation,	\$ 3,687 21	
Receipts,	8,515 62	
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	\$12,202 83	
Warrants approved,		\$10,687 29

LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Appropriation,	\$ 2,494 21	
Receipts,	13,585 45	
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	\$16,079 66	
Warrants approved,		\$14,265 79

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TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation,	\$ 2,748 00
Due from state account,	
inspector of animals,	25 00
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	\$ 2,773 00
Unexpended,	55 68
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	\$ 2,717 32

SELECTMEN

James W. Bailey, salary 1914,	\$ 500 00
John K. Sargent, salary 1914,	104 14
Stephen L. Kelly ,salary 1914,	104 14

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Ellen M. Murphy, salary 1914,	\$ 25 00
Frederick C. Grant, salary 1913-14,	66 67
R. H. Sargent, salary 1914,	25 00

TOWN CLERK

Clifton B. Heath, salary 1914,	\$ 75 00
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TREASURER

Willis H. Scott, salary to April 1,	\$ 21 18
Fred'k C. Grant, salary to Jan. 1, '15,	75 00

COLLECTOR

Fred W. George, collecting	
\$33,099 46 at 1 per cent,	\$ 330 99

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ASSESSORS

Ralph H. Sargent,	\$ 50 00
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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Clifton B. Heath,	\$ 25 00
Frank E. Walker,	15 00
Frank F. Philbrick,	15 00
Chas. E. Rowell,	15 00

FIRE ENGINEERS

William S. Tuckwell,	\$ 25 00
Angus McInnis,	25 00
Wallace S. Carter,	25 00

POLICE AND NIGHT WATCH

John J. Minahan,	\$ 228 50
Warren T. Woodburn,	666 70
Fred O. Bailey,	30 00
Willard H. Streeter,	5 00
John W. J. Grocut,	5 00
Frank P. George,	5 00
Charles R. McGuire,	5 00
George M. Earl,	5 00
Oran W. Burke,	5 00
Henry C. Manning,	2 00

AUDITOR

William C. Russell, salary 1913,	\$ 50 00
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TOWN COUNCIL

Thomas H. Hoyt, 1913,	\$ 50 00
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INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

George W. Hoyt,	\$ 50 00
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ELECTION OFFICERS

Clarence O. Libby, moderator,	\$ 14 00
Benj. F. Carter,	6 00
Charles E. Whaland,	3 00
Charles E. Burns,	3 00
Everett L. Jewell,	3 00
Frank McInnis,	3 00
Oliver W. Jordan,	8 00
George W. Hoyt,	6 00
George W. Bailey,	3 00
Fredd P. Clement,	8 00
Dennis Donahue,	5 00
Proctor C. Smith,	5 00
James W. Bailey,	5 00
Joseph P. Laskey,	2 00
Harry F. George,	2 00
Charles E. Welch,	3 00
John K. Sargent,	3 00
Clifford R. Howe,	3 00
A. Burley Sawyer,	3 00

\$ 2,717 32

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

The Overseers of the Poor would report that we have given relief and support to 35 adults and 31 minors, with settlements as follows:

	Adults	Minors
Merrimac,	28	22
Haverhill,	3	6
Boston,	1	1
Lawrence,	1	—
State,	2	2

Appropriation,	\$1,500 00
Received and due Haverhill,	328 00
Received and due Boston,	80 38
Received and due Lawrence,	71 07
Received and due state,	291 38
Received by reimbursement,	49 78
Overdrawn,	762 10
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	\$3,082 71

Aid rendered and bills approved:

Board,	\$ 1,177 00
Clothing,	77 00
Cash,	326 60
Rent,	178 65
Food,	824 98
Fuel,	118 45
Care,	185 00
Medical attention,	36 53
Medical supplies,	18 35
Hospital aid,	111 29
Miscellaneous,	28 86
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\$ 3,082 71

MOTHERS' PENSION FUND

Appropriation,	\$ 400 00
Expended,	98 00

Unexpended,	\$ 302 00
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Bills authorized,	\$ 98 00
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SOLDIERS' RELIEF

Appropriation,	\$ 125 00
Expended,	122 50

Unexpended,	\$ 2 50
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Number of persons aided, 2

Bills approved as follows:

Fuel,	\$ 75 00
Medical attention,	41 50
Miscellaneous supplies,	6 00
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	\$ 122 50.

MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENT

Appropriation,	\$ 500 00
Due from other depts., express paid,	34 87
Rent of Sargent hall,	617 55
Junk licenses,	50 00
Court fee,	15 00
Tax redemption,	5 38
Bank rent,	300 00
Haverhill Construction Co.,	12 75
Moth dept., stamps,	9 69
Bureau of statistics,	4 00
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	\$ 1,549 24
Unexpended,	286 31
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	\$ 1,262 93

New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone, \$	34 89
Amesbury Pub. Co., 1913 reports,	101 90
A. W. Brownell, supplies,	1 00
A. B. Sawyer, supplies,	5 35
P. B. Murphy, supplies,	1 45
Hobbs & Warren, supplies,	13 46
H. H. Story, supplies,	32 90
Thomas Groom, supplies,	1 58
I. B. Little & Co., supplies,	74

Clarence Brown, supplies,	8 55
Zenas Lovell & Co., supplies,	5 08
M. B. Crane, supplies and box rent,	71 34
Clifton B. Heath, supplies, recording,	33 69
Clifton B. Heath, printing,	169 63
First Nat. Bank, check book,	9 75
Sargent Coal Co., fuel,	51 66
S. L. Kelly, expense,	1 45
Fred C. Grant, expense,	4 90
James W. Bailey, expense,	70
M. D. Jones, bubbling fountain,	1 50
Merrimac light dept., lamps, fixtures,	77 34
A. P. Marden, tuning, repairing piano,	10 00
American Express Co., expressage,	37 08
Warren T. Woodburn, warrants and expense,	20 53
Mrs. F. H. Hargraves, meals to prisoners,	4 20
Hanscom Hardware Co., step ladder,	3 00
Henry C. Manning, janitor,	258 57
Merrimac Garage and Tire Shop, use of auto,	2 00
C. C. Witham, stock and labor,	10 55
W. H. Streeter, stock and labor,	2 05
F. C. Williams, stock and labor,	1 25
Nat. L. Howe, stock and labor,	2 15
A. H. Peirce, M. D., returning births 1912-13,	11 75
F. E. Sweetsir, M. D., returning births 1914,	4 25
Fred W. George, tax taking,	43 96
Percy Fernald, specifications,	1 25
G. G. Davis, use of team,	75
James C. Libby, steel ceiling,	65 00
Geo. C. H. Whitney, painting,	90 00

Merrimac Electric Co., electric work,	40 82	
J. P. Moxey, floor wax,	3 15	
Chisham Chemical Co., dust void,	3 25	
Certifying notes,	8 00	
A. McInnis, cartage,	51	
Massachusetts Northeastern Railway,		
reimbursement,	10 00	
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		\$ 1,262 93

GYPSY AND BROWN TAIL MOTH

Appropriation,	\$ 514 00	
Private work assessed,	395 13	
Received from C. R. Ford,	65 48	
Received and due from state,	939 21	
Expended acc't of 1915 apprc.,	136 70	
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	\$ 2,050 52	
Less amount expended in Dec. 1913		
on 1914 appropriation,	109 18	
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	\$ 1,941 34	
Chas. R. Ford, payrolls,	\$ 1,684 55	
Chas. R. Ford, schedule bills,	193 85	
John E. Currier, rent,	45 00	
A. W. Brownell, moth notices,	3 25	
James W. Bailey, mailing notices,	4 00	
Miscellaneous dept., stamps,	9 69	
Frank C. Williams, stock and labor,	1 00	
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		\$ 1,941 34

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation,	\$ 1,500 00
Unexpended,	47
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	\$ 1,499 53

G. G. Davis, use of team,	10 50
Sargent Coal Co., use of team,	22 00
A. McInnis, use of team,	11 25
A. O. Nicol, use of team,	2 50
L. B. Blaisdell, use of team,	5 00
E. C. Emerson, use of team,	5 00
C. C. Witham, use of auto,	4 00
Pettingell-Andrews, supplies,	70 87
I. B. Little Co., supplies,	12 89
Knight & Thomas, supplies,	5 31
John E. Bean, Jr., supplies,	4 00
Jonah & George, supplies,	50
Fred L. Parker, supplies,	1 72
H. H. Storey, supplies,	1 25
Merrimac Plating Works, vitrol,	85
J. B. Judkins Co., polish,	1 25
Sargent Coal Co., fuel,	73 07
L. B. Davis, work on alarm,	14 60
Merrimac Elect. Co., stock and labor,	73 55
C. C. Witham, stock and labor,	30 49
F. C. Williams, stock and labor,	1 00
John E. Donahue, stock and labor,	3 30
W. W. Gormley, stock and labor,	2 25
C. W. Miles, stock and labor,	12 85
O. F. Bennett, stock and labor,	23 93
D. W. Gould, stock and labor,	1 00
L. B. Davis, salary,	50 00
F. P. George, salary,	50 00
Perry Marshall, salary,	25 00

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James P. Flynn, steward hose 1,	85 00
John W. Currier, steward hose 2,	20 00
R. J. Eaton, clerk hose 2 payroll,	250 00
James P. Flynn, clerk hose 1 payroll,	492 75
Eastern Hard Fibre Co., blowing whistle,	125 00
W. J. Holt, labor,	3 10
D. F. Donahue, labor,	75
Merrimac light dept., lamps,	3 00

\$ 1,499 53

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Appropriation,	\$ 400 00
Received from fines, etc.,	41 76
Received from trustees, 1913 acc't,	14 30
Received from sale of books,	3 77

\$ 459 83

Unexpended,	6 44
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\$ 453 39

Clifton B. Heath, printing,	2 00
Zenas Lovell & Co., dustbane,	1 10
William B. Sargent, expense,	7 69
H. W. Wilson Co., books,	7 48
S. I. Sayre, salary and extra work,	212 50
Chisham Chemical Co., dust void,	1 75
A. L. A. Publishing Co., books,	1 00
Jordan, Marsh Co., books,	3 15
Merrimac light dept., heating, lamps,	26 20
Charles E. Lauriat Co., books,	67 55
John E. Bean, Jr., electric work,	2 50
Library Bureau, supplies,	23 00

David Farquah, binding books,	30 27	
Mitchell & Co., books,	38 80	
B. F. Smith, labor,	40	
A. B. Sawyer, subscriptions,	28 00	
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		\$ 453 39

CEMETERIES

Appropriation,	\$ 100 00	
Received from sale of hay,	10 00	
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	\$ 110 00	
W. S. Pattee, labor,	5 56	
A. Peavey, labor,	5 00	
A. Trefethen, labor,	1 25	
John Gilmore, labor,	2 00	
Richard Finn, labor,	2 00	
Herman Smith, labor,	2 00	
A. G. Flower, labor,	4 13	
Willis Foster, labor,	6 12	
Michael Gilmore, labor,	5 00	
Benj. B. Wood, labor,	6 00	
J. B. Heath, stock and labor,	4 21	
O. F. Bennett, stock and labor,	1 30	
C. C. Witham, stock and labor,	8 97	
John E. Currier, lumber,	11 62	
G. G. Davis, use of team,	1 50	
Trustees of cemeteries,	43 34	
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		\$ 110 00

SNOWS AND WASHOUTS

Appropriation,	\$ 500 00	
Received Northeastern St. Ry.	26 80	
Overdrawn,	129 84	
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	\$ 656 64	

Edward F. Goodwin, superintendent,		
payrolls,	\$	653 49
Frank C. Williams, stock and labor,		1 75
E. W. Haskell, sand,		1 40
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	\$	656 64

BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation,	\$	50 00	
Overdrawn,		54 01	
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	\$	104 01	
Edward F. Goodwin, payrolls,		20 17	
G. G. Larkin, labor,		2 00	
State board of health, stamp,		2 65	
American Express Co., expressage,		21	
On account of contagious diseases,		78 98	
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	\$	104 01	

RAILINGS

Appropriation,	\$	75 00	
Expended,		35 80	
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Unexpended,	\$	39 20	
E. F. Goodwin, payroll,		25 80	
Moses Blotner, pipe,		10 00	
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	\$	35 80	

OIL LAMPS

Appropriation,	10 00	
Unexpended,	1 25	
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	\$ 8 75	
Everett Beauvais, care of lamps,	8 75	
		\$ 8 75

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Appropriation,	\$ 5 00	
Received from fees,	18 23	
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	\$ 23 23	
Unexpended,	4 03	
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	\$ 19 20	
W. & L. E. Gurney, supplies,	\$ 3 45	
Clifton B. Heath, printing labels,	1 00	
Henry C. Manning, labor,	8 75	
G. G. Davis, use of team,	5 00	
F. C. Williams, stock and labor,	1 00	
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		\$ 19 20

SIDEWALKS AND CROSSINGS

Appropriations,	\$ 200 00	
Received and due from abutters,	45 60	
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	\$ 245 60	
Unexpended,	154 40	
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	\$ 91 20	

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Haverhill Construction Co.,

concrete,

\$ 91 20

\$ 91 20

MEMORIAL DAY

John E. Bean, Q. M.,

\$ 100 00

AUTO SIGNS

Appropriation,

\$ 25 00

Overdrawn,

3 18

\$ 28 18

E. F. Goodwin, payroll,

\$ 4 54

Waterman and Leavitt, signs,

12 20

American Express Co., expressage,

51

C. C. Witham, stock and labor,

10 93

\$ 28 18

STATE AID

W. H. Scott, treasurer,

\$ 250 00

F. C. Grant, treasurer,

738 00

\$ 988 00

FOREST WARDEN

Appropriation,

\$ 75 00

B. & M. R. R.,

4 25

\$ 79 25

Unexpended,

51 59

\$ 27 66

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James P. Flynn, payroll,	\$	4 25	
John E. Bean, Jr., payroll,		3 00	
Willard B. Kelly, payroll,		1 51	
Edgar P. Sargent, payroll,		8 90	
Sargent Coal Co., use of horses,		10 00	
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	\$		27 66

TREE WARDEN

Appropriation,	\$	150 00	
Overdrawn,		2 32	
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	\$		152 32
Charles R. Ford, payroll,	\$	141 97	
I. B. Little Co., saw,		1 35	
F. C. Williams, stock and labor,		9 00	
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	\$		152 32

TAXES

County tax,	\$	1,741 82	
State tax,		2,975 00	
State highway tax,		157 96	
National bank tax,		756 84	
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	\$		5,631 62

FIRE ALARM BOXES

Appropriation,	\$	210 00	
Merrimac Electric Co.,			
14 boxes at \$15 00 per box,	\$	210 00	
	\$		210 00

INSURANCE

Appropriation,	\$ 240 00	
Unexpended,	10 95	
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	\$ 229 05	
Clifton B. Heath,	\$ 229 05	
		\$ 229 05

BONDING TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation,	\$ 110 00	
Unexpended,	1 00	
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		\$ 109 00
Frank N. Rand,	\$ 105 00	
Clifton B. Heath,	4 00	
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	\$ 109 00	
		\$109 00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Appropriation,	\$ 1,125 00	
Received from highway commission,	300 00	
Received from excise tax,	434 09	
Received from No. Eastern St. Ry.,	66 67	
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	\$ 1,925 76	
Unexpended,	147 12	
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	\$ 1,778 64	
Edward F. Goodwin, payrolls,	\$ 922 62	
Penn Metal Co., culverts,	121 56	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight,	7 40	

I. B. Little Co., supplies,	2 29
Sargent Coal Co., cement,	1 50
John E. Currier, sewer pipe, gravel,	29 02
Chas. W. Miles, labor,	37 25
A. McInnis, freight and cartage,	50
Perry Marshall, labor,	4 00
Barrett Mfg. Co., tarvia,	393 69
Northeastern St. Ry. Co., sand,	32 00
J. P. Titcomb, surveying and setting stones,	18 25
County treasurer, one-sixth expense on Rocks bridge,	160 85
Haverhill Construction Co., concrete,	34 61
L. B. Blaisdell, gravel,	3 10
G. G. Davis, gravel,	50
F. C. Williams, stock and labor,	3 00
Good Roads Mchy. Co., brooms,	6 50

\$ 1,778 64

JAMES W. BAILEY,
JOHN K. SARGENT,
STEPHEN L. KELLY,

Selectmen of Merrimac.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:—

I have made a careful audit of the accounts of the several departments of the town for the year ending December 31, 1914, and the following is a recapitulation and financial statement of those accounts, and will be found on the next two pages.

The difference between the treasurer's figures and those of the several departments, is accounted for, in the case of the Light and Water departments, by settlement checks of these departments with each other, that did not pass through the treasurer's accounts, and the others by orders of 1913 (\$290.75) paid in 1914.

RECAPITULATION.

Departments	Appropriated and Assessed for	Rec. and Due From all Other Sources	Total Revenue	Expended	Unexpended	Overdrawn	Accounts Payable But Not Paid
School, General	\$8,925.00	\$2,009.45	\$10,934.45	\$10,935.98		\$1.53	\$650.93
Soldiers' Relief	125.00		125.00	122.50	\$2.50		
Support of Poor	1,500.00	820.61	2,320.61	3,082.71		762.10	155.52
Fire Department	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,499.53	.47		167.14
Forest Warden	75.00	4.25	79.25	27.66	51.59		
Highways and Bridges	1,125.00	800.76	1,925.76	1,778.64	147.12		
Snow and Washouts	500.00	26.80	526.80	656.64		129.84	
Sidewalks and Crossings	200.00	45.60	245.60	91.20	154.40		
Town Officers	2,748.00	25.00	2,773.00	2,717.32	55.68		313.41
Memorial Day	100.00		100.00	100.00			
Interest	308.00	485.34	793.34	396.73	369.61		
Discount	200.00		200.00	138.25	61.75		
Tree Warden	150.00		150.00	152.32		2.32	
Public Library	400.00	59.83	459.83	453.39	6.44		
Highway Railings	75.00		75.00	35.80	39.20		

Miscellaneous	500.00	1,049.24	1,549.24	1,262.93	286.31	54.01	
Board of Health	50.00		50.00	104.01			
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths...	514.00	1,427.34	1,941.54	1,941.34			
Cemeteries	100.00	10.00	110.00	110.00			
Water Department	3,687.21	8,515.62	12,202.83	11,898.42	304.41		121.54
Electric Light Department	1,794.21	4,285.45	16,079.63	15,379.23	700.43		72.91
Notes	1,600.00	10,000.00	11,600.00	11,600.00			
Bonding Town Officers.....	110.00		110.00	109.00	1.00		
Insuring Town Property	240.00		240.00	229.05	10.95		
State Tax	2,975.00		2,975.00	2,975.00			
Highway Tax	157.96		157.96	157.96			
County Tax	1,741.82		1,741.82	1,741.82			
Street Lamps, Oil	10.00		10.00	8.75	1.25		
Mothers' Pension Fund	400.00		400.00	98.00	302.00		
Fire Alarm Boxes.....	210.00		210.00	210.00		3.18	
Auto Signs	25.00		25.00	28.18			
Sealer of Weights & Measures	5.00	18.23	23.23	19.20	4.03		
State Aid		988.00	988.00	988.00			
Non Res. National Bank Tax..	756.84		756.84	756.84			
Overlay	1,500.00			392.50	1,107.50		
Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1914....	13,061.75	67,790.79	80,852.54	69,574.33	11,278.21	On hand	
	Uncol.	Assessed	Interest	Cash	Discount	Jan. '15	Uncol.
	Jan. 1 '14	1914		Received	Abatement		Jan. 1 '15
Taxes	8,306.26	32,665.89	306.17	32,184.77	138.2	392.50	8,562.80

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, JANUARY 1, 1915

Liabilities

Water bonds and notes,	\$65,000 00	
Electric Light bonds and notes,	9,700 00	
Refunding loan notes,	8,000 00	
Accrued interest on bonds and notes,	1,375 00	
Outstanding bills,	1,481 45	
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		\$85,557 02

Assets

Cash in treasurer's hands,	\$11,278 21	
Uncollected taxes,	8,562 80	
Due from the Commonwealth,		
Account of poor,	168 06	
Account of state aid,	988 00	
Due from City of Boston, account of poor,	39 60	
Haverhill, account of poor,	158 00	
Lawrence, account of poor,	36 09	
Due from abutters, sidewalk Betterment tax 1915,	45 60	
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		\$21,276 36
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Financial debt,		\$64,280 66

Respectfully submitted,

EVERETT B. RUSSELL, Auditor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Willis H. Scott, treasurer, in account with the
Town of Merrimac, January 1, 1914 to March 31, 1914.

Receipts.

Balance, cash on deposit Jan. 1, 1914,	\$13,061 75
General account.	

F. W. George, collector of	
taxes,	\$5,605 06
Treas. of Com'wlth, moth dept.,	441 28
C. R. Ford, supt. moth dept.,	9 00
H. C. Manning, janitor Sargent	
hall,	120 05
City of Haverhill, poor dept.,	92 00
City of Lawrence, poor dept.,	38 91
City of Boston, poor dept.,	9 00
Mass. N. E. St. Ry. Co., re-	
moving snow,	14 55
Public Library, fines, etc.,	16 68

\$6,346 53

School Department.

Treas. of Commonwealth, tu-	
ition,	\$ 147 00
Treas. of Commonwealth, Mass.	
School Fund,	1,022 51
County Treas., dog tax,	122 59

\$1,292 10

Light Department.

W. H. Scott, collector,	2,304 41
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Water Department

W. H. Scott, collector,	1,500 00
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\$25,504 79

Expenditures

Selectmen's orders 1913,	\$ 79 85
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Selectmen's warrants, miscellaneous,	2,811 32
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State Aid,	250 00
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School department.

1913 orders,	\$ 201 50
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Committee warrants,	2,715 79
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\$2,917 29

Light Department

Miscellaneous accounts,	\$ 699 37
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Note,	600 00
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Interest,	202 00
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\$ 1,501 37

Water Department.

1913 order,	\$ 2 90
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Miscellaneous account,	616 56
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Interest,	1,330 00
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\$ 1,949 46

Balance, cash on deposit,	14,955 50
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\$24,504 79

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIS H. SCOTT, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Frederick C. Grant, Treasurer, in account with the
Town of Merrimac April 1, 1914 to Dec. 31, 1914.

Receipts.

Willis H. Scott, balance on deposit,	\$14,995 50
F. W. George, collector of taxes,	26,579 71

General account.

Treasurer of Commonwealth

Moth dept.,	\$1,038 18
Inspector of ani-	
mals,	25 00
State Board of	
Charity,	52 00
Motor vehicles	
fees fund,	300 00
Corporation tax,	46 27
Business tax,	760 32
Nat'l bank tax,	137 59
State Aid,	1,056 00
Support of sick	
paupers,	49 26
St. Ry. tax,	151 70

\$ 3,616 32

C. R. Ford, supt. moth

dept.,	56 48
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C. D. Parker & Co.,

note in anticipation of revenue,		10,000 00
Premium on note, Mass. N. E. St. Ry.		2 50
Removing snow,	12 25	
Laying tarvia,	66 67	
	<hr/>	78 92
City of Lawrence, poor dept.,	\$ 34 98	
City of Haverhill, poor dept.,	207 00	
City of Boston, poor dept.,	8 00	
J. W. Bailey, selm'n, from J. R. Wig- gin reimb'rsem't,	49 78	
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County of Essex, wid'n'g Main St.,		350 00
J. Barth & Son., junk license,	\$ 25 00	
S. L. Kelly, junk license,	25 00	
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Merrimac Pub. Libr'ry bal. 1913 acc't, \$	14 30	
Books sold,	3 77	
Fines, etc.,	25 08	
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Helen C. Haynes,		
costs and int. re.		
tax sale,	5	38
Director of Bureau of		
Statistics, certif.		
fee returned,	4	00
H. C. Manning, rents		
Sargent Hall, \$	497	50
Sealer fees,	18	23
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	515	73
First Nat. Bank rent, \$	300	00
Interest on acct,	176	67
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	476	67
Fred A. Brown,		
court fees,	15	00
Water dept., express,	2	45
Light dept., express,	4	05
School dept., express,	3	00
Edgar P. Sargent, for-		
est warden, B. &		
B. account,	4	25
G. G. Larkin, Supt.		
sale of grass in		
cemeteries,	10	00
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	15,537	66
School dept.,		
City of Boston,		
tuition, \$	67	50
Town Salisbury,		
tuition,	115	00
Town Newton,		
N.H. tuition,	15	00

Mrs. H. A. Watts	
tuition,	15 00
F. H. Beckford,	
tuition,	15 00

\$ 227 50

State,

Acct sup't salary,	437 50
Sale of old books,	35

665 35

Light dept.,

Merrimac Sav'gs	
Bank, note,	700 00
Depreciat'n fund	
in Merrimac	
Savings B'k,	3,030 55
W. H. Scott, coll.,	5,549 25

9,279 80

Water dept.,

W. H. Scott, coll.	4,285 23
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\$71,343 25

Expenditures

Selectmen's order, 1913,	\$ 6 50
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General account,

State tax,	\$ 2,975 00
State highway tax,	157 96
National bank tax,	756 84
County tax,	1,741 82
State aid,	738 00

Note, anticipation of revenue,	10,000 00	
Funding note,	1,600 00	
Interest,	396 73	
Miscellaneous,	11,966 85	
	<hr/>	30,333 20
School dept.,		
Com'tee warrants,		8,220 19
Light dept.,		
Comm'rs warr'nts,	\$12,060 42	
Bond,	500 00	
Interest,	204 00	
	<hr/>	12,764 42
Water dept.,		
Comm'rs warr'nts,	\$ 3,320 73	
Bonds,	3,500 00	
Note,	500 00	
Interest,	1,420 00	
	<hr/>	8,740 73
Bal., cash on deposit,		11,278 21
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		\$71,343 25

Statement of the Funded Debt

	Dec. 31, '13	Paid during year	Dec. 31, '14
Water bonds at 4 per cent, maturing \$3,500 yearly, to July 15, 1932,	\$66,500	\$3,500	\$63,000
Water notes at 4 per cent, maturing \$500 yearly to June 20, 1918,	2,500	500	2,000
Electric Light bonds at 4 per cent, maturing \$500 yearly to July 15, 1926,	6,500	500	6,000
Electric Light notes at 4 per cent, maturing \$600 yearly to Jan. 5, 1919,	3,600	600	3,000
Electric Light note at 4 per cent, dated June 1, 1914, due June 1, 1915			700*
Funding notes at 3½ per cent, maturing \$1,600 yearly to May 1, 1919,	9,600	1,600	8,000
	<hr/> \$88,700	<hr/> \$6,700	<hr/> \$82,700

*This note was the only one issued of the amount authorized at the May meeting for the extension of the Electric Light Plant, as the Director of the Bureau of Statistics required the Commissioners to use the cash in the Sinking Fund to pay for the extensions.

Amount of funded debt Dec. 31, 1913,	\$88,700 00
Amount of funded debt Dec. 31, 1914,	82,700 00
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Reduction for the year,	\$ 6,000 00

Interest

Interest on funding loan,	\$308 00	
Discount on note, \$10,000,	88 73	
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Interest received on deposit with First National Bank	\$176 67	
Premium on note,	2 50	
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		\$217 56

Cemetery Trust Funds

	Amt.	Int. un- expended
Eliza M. Sawyer fund,	114 00	00
M. E. Sargent fund,	\$100 00	\$ 6 86
Emily S. Goodwin fund,	250 00	70 43
John L. & Sophia Merrill fund,	200 00	19 92
Moses Goodrich fund,	100 00	3 16
W. A. Paine fund,	50 00	52
J. E. Prescott fund,	125 00	4 79
Rhoda S. Poore (D. J. Poore) fund,	300 00	31 53
Rhoda S. Poore (F. Sargent) fund,	200 00	14 65
Otis W. Little fund,	200 00	8 22
Susan G. Sargent fund,	75 00	3 98
Marietta B. Sargent fund,	250 00	31 11
Caroline S. Noyes fund,	100 00	5 90
Adeline Whittier fund,	100 00	5 90
J. Warren Sargent fund,	100 00	1 59
Ruth C. Rowell fund,	200 00	20 46
Sarah A. Pattee fund (Locust Grove),	175 00	15 32
Sarah A. Pattee fund (Church St.),	125 00	3 89

I. B. Little fund,	337 87	34 43
John Bancroft fund,	50 00	30
Aaron Bancroft fund,	50 00	52
Thomas D. Nelson fund,	150 00	27 00
Mabel Jones Shepardson fund,	100 00	3 36
Henry E. Crosby fund,	50 00	7 22
A. Linda Little fund,	150 00	2 51
Etta H. Colby fund,	100 00	54
Mrs. Gilman S. Hoyt fund,	100 00	3 66
Phineas Chase fund,	100 00	3 39
Charles A. Bridges fund,	100 00	3 81
Louise Clement fund,	100 00	2 99
Carrie C. Noyes fund,	150 00	4 60
William O. Smiley fund,	100 00	00
A. L. Baxter fund,	100 00	1 54
Parmelia Trefethen fund,	100 00	2 04
Ida E. Stevens fund,	125 00	1 17
Mary Ann Chase fund,	100 00	00
Stuart, Chase & Sargent fund,	150 00	00
Charles A. Noyes fund,	75 00	00
Mason W. D. Downing fund,	125 00	00

Kimball Park Fund

Judith W. Kimball fund,	1,000 00	00
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Public Library Funds

A. E. Goodwin fund,	200 00	119 78
James Whittier fund,	400 00	29 06

Electric Light Depreciation Fund

Amount Jan. 1, 1914,	\$2,992 16
Interest, 1 year,	98 60

\$3,090 76

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Withdrawn, paid into Gen. Fund,	3,030 55
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Balance,	<hr/> \$ 60 21
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All the above funds are on deposit in the Merrimac Savings Bank.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK C. GRANT, Treasurer.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Fred W. George, Collector, in account with the Town of Merrimac:

Dr.

To 1914 tax list and additions,	\$32,665 89
Collected since Dec. 31, 1913 report,	5,404 03
Uncollected last report,	2,902 23
Samuel Sweeney redeeming land taken by Town,	2 55
Interest received,	306 17
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	\$41,280 90

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By cash paid town treasurer,	\$32,184 77
Discounts,	138 25
Taking of Attitash property for the town,	29 53
Abatements 1913,	10 71
Abatements 1914,	381 79
Abatements since Dec. 31,	323 69
Uncollected taxes (resident) 1913,	289 63
" " (non-resident) 1913,	224 23
" " (resident) 1914,	2,500 86
" " (non-resident 1914,	1,102 00
" " Attitash Park, 1913,	5 87
" " Attitash Park, 1914,	41 95
" " Moth tax (1913-1914),	58 42
Due from firemen,	68 03
Collected since Dec. 31,	3,920 93
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	\$41,280 90

UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Uncollected Resident Taxes for 1913

Bailey, Moses F., bal.	\$ 2 55
Currier, Caroline, heirs or devosees,	77 78
Jackman, Mrs. C. L., heirs or dev., bal.,	11 07
Judkins, Fred B., bal.,	77 40
Morse, E. M., heirs or dev. balance,	106 70
Universalist Society, sidewalk tax,	14 13

Uncollected Non-Resident Taxes for 1913

Greeley, Mrs. Michael,	\$ 3 19
Rawson, W. W., heirs or devosees,	221 09

Uncollected Resident Taxes for 1914

		Moth
Bailey, Franklin P., heirs or dev., bal.,	\$ 2 20	\$ 1 70
Bailey, Ed. Leroy,	2 00	
Bailey, Moses,	6 60	3 74
Bartlett, Frank E.,	47 87	2 00
Battis, Benjamin, heirs or devosees,	20 24	
Beauvais, Joseph, balance,	3 90	
Battis, Geo., heirs or devosees,	7 53	
Blanchard, Frederick W., balance,	23 04	
Burns, Michael, Jr.,	2 00	
Beckwith, Theodore,	2 00	
Carter, Alexander B.,	10 80	
Chase, Willard W.,	17 84	
Cheveneau, Edward F., balance,	2 00	87
Colby, Jos. W., heirs or devosees,	42 90	
Colman, Mrs. Charles E., balance,	31 10	
Crockett, Mrs. Ida L., balance,	2 20	
Currier, Caroline, heirs or devosees,	73 70	

Currier, John E.,	576 78	7 29
Dodge, Cora E.,	23 10	2 18
Deninie, Henry W.,	50 95	
Donahue, John E.,	24 00	
Donahue, Dennis F.	2 00	
Donais, Napoleon J.,	58 98	2 00
Eichman, Charles V., balance,	15 95	
Evans, George R.,	2 00	
Eastern Hard Fibre Co.,	396 00	
Eastman, Charles F.,	30 60	58
Fox, Johanna, balance,	11 41	87
George, Charles H.,	2 00	
Gilmore, Martin F.,	2 00	
Gilmore, Michael J.,	2 00	
Grocut, Mrs. Nellie H.,	31 90	
Hammond, Walter F.,	2 00	
Hoyt, Herbert E.,	2 00	
Hyslop, Willis R.,	4 64	
Jackman, Charles L.,	2 00	
Jackman, Mrs. Charles L., heirs or dev.,	26 40	28
Judkins, Florence R., heirs or dev.,	206 80	8 68
Kelley, Willard B., balance,	82 08	
Keogh, John C.,	2 00	
Kinsman, Alfred O.,	67 16	8 00
Leighton, James H.,	2 00	
Leslie, Mrs. Annie L.,	26 40	
Marden, Melvin, balance,	2 00	
McGregor, Mrs. Gra C.,	66 00	
Moore, John J.,	10 80	
Moore, Clifton L.,	2 00	
Morse, E. M., heirs or dev.,	135 30	
Nicol, Andrew,	18 39	
Noone, Mrs. Frances,		50
Noyes, Chas. H.,	2 00	
Pease, James F.,	48 20	

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Sargent and Currier,	8 25	
Sargent, Ralph H.,	92 75	
Sayre, Mrs. Ida L., balance,	65 20	7 25
Smith, Hiram P.,	27 30	1 73
Smith, Herman O.,	2 00	
Spencer, Fred W.,	2 00	
Spinney, Harry L.,	2 00	
Stewart, Arthur,	2 00	
Stuart, James H.,	4 20	
Thompson, Willard F.,	2 00	
Travers, Michael J.,	4 20	
Trull, George C.,	2 00	
Whalen, Charles C.,	2 00	
Whalen, Philip P.,	2 00	
Williams, Chas. E.,	31 90	
Wright, Herbert,	2 00	
Wright, Fred,	2 00	
Whittier, Bradford,	2 00	
Worcester, Edward H., balance,	1 60	

Uncollected Non-Resident Taxes for 1914

Moth

Brickett, James E.,	\$102 30	
England, Geo. W.,	79 20	
Greeley, Mrs. Michael,	4 40	
Grimm, Sara,	26 40	60
Georglas, George,	36 30	
Hoyt, Frank P.,	2 20	
Judkins, Geo. W., heirs or dev.,	78 10	
Lahey, Daniel,	27 50	
Kelley, E. P., and Arthur W., bal.,	6 60	
Lake Attitash Ice and Trans. Co.,		4 50
Morrill, Roscoe, bal.,	4 84	
Muldoon, Mrs. John E., heirs or dev.,	12 10	
McDonald, W. J.,	59 40	

Rand, Frank N.,	225 17	2 02
Rawson, W. W.,	185 68	
Smith, Maud E.,	101 20	
Sikorsky, V. N.,	146 30	3 63
Young, Sara A.,	4 40	

Late Assessment

Stockwell, Mrs. H. E.,	7 70
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FRED W. GEORGE, Collector.

REPORT OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS

In submitting this report, the first one since the Assessors were elected as a separate board, we beg to state to the tax payers of Merrimac, that all matters pertaining to the valuation and assessing of taxes for the year 1914 has been done by and with the approval of the full board.

Considerable real estate that has been overlooked, for periods of from five to twenty years has been assessed, and while we have lost much personal property from the manufacturers, we have been able to gain considerable from other sources.

The rate of taxation for the year was reduced \$3.50 per thousand and if the budget for 1915 is made within the needs of the town and the present business conditions, we believe that the rate can be still lowered, and so relinquish our title to the highest rate in Essex County and one of the highest in the state.

Budget for the year was made as follows:

Town appropriations,	\$27,171 42
State tax,	2,975 00
County tax,	1,741 88
State highway tax,	157 96
Overlay,	1,500 00
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	\$33,546 26

To realize this sum we assessed taxes:

Real estate,	\$25,424 47
Personal estate,	4,274 86
Polls,	1,228 00

Taxes from the state, estimated:

Public service,	
Corporations,	
National banks,	
Street railway (not excise),	998 15
Back taxes, collectable, estimated,	1,620 78
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	\$33,546 26

From these estimated incomes the town has received \$306.04 more than the above figures, \$1,079.22 from the state and \$1,845.75 in back taxes up to Jan. 1, 1915.

The expense of this department, including bills not paid:

Thos. Groom, collector's book,	\$ 1 56	
Postmaster, stamps and envelopes,	10 62	
Hobbs & Warren, supplies,	11 15	
C. B. Heath, printing,	9 50	
Frank E. Bartlett, assessor,	93 25	
Ralph H. Sargent, assessor,	84 50	
Wm. C. Russell, assessor,	100 56	
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		\$ 311 24

Statistics from the Valuation Book:

Total value of assessed estate,	\$1,349,970 00
Valuation of real estate,	1,155,658 00
Valuation of personal estate,	194,312 00
Valuation of resident bank stock,	17,450 00
Valuation of non-resident bank stock,	32,550 00
Valuation of church property exempt from taxation,	33,050 00
Valuation of property of individuals exempt from taxation,	41,655 00

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Number of persons assessed,	1,058
“ “ “ “ on property,	802
“ “ “ “ poll tax only,	262
“ “ polls assessed,	614
“ “ “ exempt,	45
“ “ dwelling houses,	610
“ “ horses,	136
“ “ cows,	173
“ “ sheep,	32
“ “ neat cattle other than cows,	62
“ “ swine,	4
Rate of taxation per thousand,	\$ 22 00
Tax on resident bank stock,	383 90
Tax on non-resident bank stock,	716 10
State tax,	2,975 00
County tax,	1,741 88
State highway tax,	157 96
Excise tax, Mass. N. E. St. Ry.,	437 09
Moth tax,	395 13
Sidewalk betterment tax,	153 39

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK E. BARTLETT,

RALPH H. SARGENT,

WILLIAM C. RUSSELL ,

Assessors.

ENGINEERS' REPORT.

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac, we, the undersigned Board of Fire Engineers make the following report:—

There have been five alarms.

Jan. 6, 1914, alarm from box No. 34, 11:50 A. M., for a fire at the residence of Geo. Aldrich at Merrimacport.

Cause, overheated stove. Contents and building a total loss. Value of building \$300; of contents, \$800. Insured.

March 16, 1914. Alarm from box No. 17, at 2:20 P. M., for chimney fire at the residence of A Nicol, East Main street. Fire confined to chimney. Loss \$100.00, covered by insurance.

May 28, alarm from box No. 15, 4 P. M., for brush fire in rear of J. McDougal's barn on Orchard Street. Damage to cord wood and standing timber about \$15.00. Cause unknown. Land owned by W. Munsie.

Sept. 26, 1914, alarm from box No. 5, 5:30 P. M., for fire in the unoccupied double house on School St., owned by Mrs. Pettigrew and Judge Sargent of Amesbury. The fire started by sparks from chimney. Mrs. Pettigrew was cleaning up around house and burning refuse in fireplace. The fire had gained considerable headway before being discovered. Total loss \$600.00. Insured.

On Aug. 1, 1914, the Eastern Hard Fibre Co., desired to discontinue furnishing steam for whistle used for fire purposes in their plant.

The only available steam plant being the pumping

station, and the question of purchasing a compressed air whistle being out of the question, the Board decided to try out the old Haverhill whistle at the plant.

Although this does not meet all the requirements, it was the best we could do under the circumstances.

We have been unable to purchase new hose for the reason of having had to pay \$125.00 last year for blowing the whistle, and this year the expense of putting up the whistle at the pumping station has made it impossible to buy hose as we have been doing.

The fire alarm, apparatus and house are in good condition, and giving satisfaction. We have been very fortunate in having no more fires than we have had, and we trust the ensuing year will be as free from fires as the past year.

Thanking the citizens for their hearty co-operation in making this department a factor for good in the community, we remain,

Respectfully yours,

W. S. TUCKWELL, Chief.

A. McINNIS, 1st. Asst.

JOHN E. BEAN, 2nd Asst.

Chief Engineers.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit the annual report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1914.

Number of arrests	21
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Charged As Follows:

Drunkenness,	15
Insane,	2
Violating Automobile Laws,	1
Disturbance,	1
Non-Support,	2

Disposed of As Follows:

6 for Drunkenness. First offense. Released.

1 for Drunkenness. Probation for 30 days.

1 for Drunkenness. Probation for 1 year.

1 for Drunkenness. Probation for 3 months.

1 for Drunkenness. Fined \$10.00. Paid.

1 for Drunkenness. Sentenced to Newburyport Jail for 30 days.

1 for Drunkenness. Sentenced to Newburyport Jail for 90 days.

1 for Drunkenness. Sentenced to Bridgewater. Sentence suspended 4 months.

1 for Drunkenness. Sentenced to Bridgewater. Sentence suspended 6 months.

1 for Drunkenness. Sentenced to Bridgewater. Committed.

- 1 for Non-Support. Continued.
 1 for Non-Support. For Boston Officers.
 1 for Violating Automobile Laws. Fined \$25.00 Paid.
 1 for Insane. Committed to Danvers Hospital.
 1 for Insane. Placed in charge of his Guardian.
 1 for Disturbance. Fined \$5.00. Paid.
 2 Cases of Breaking Glass. Settled—1 for \$75.00; one
 for \$10.00.

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN T. WOODBURN,

Chief of Police.

SARGENT HALL.

Merrimac, Mass., Dec. 31, 1914.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, James W. Bailey,
 Chairman:

Gentlemen:—The janitor of Sargent Hall is pleased
 to report that during the year 1914 the report for Sar-
 gent Hall is as follows:

Total number of Openings,	91
Total number of Openings—Paid,	78
Total number of Openings—Free,	13
Total Amount Received for Rent,	\$497 56
Due from School Dept.,	\$10.00

HENRY C. MANNING,

Janitor.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Merrimac, Mass., Dec. 31, 1914.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, James W. Bailey,
Chairman:

Gentlemen:—The Sealer of Weights and Measures respectfully reports as follows:

Scales Sealed,	36
Weights Sealed,	117
Measures Sealed,	46
Pumps Sealed,	7
Scales Condemned,	1
Weights Condemned,	5
Measures Condemned,	6
Amount received as fees,	\$18 23

HENRY C. MANNING,
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF KIMBALL PARK.

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

In making this our sixth annual report we do not need to make any statement of the fine appearance of the Park, as that speaks for itself, and is a constant reminder of the kindness and foresight of Mrs. Kimball in making a beauty spot in her native town for all time. We herewith append a statement of the receipts and expenses:

Receipts.

Interest on money in Merrimac Savings Bank, \$40 00

Payments.

A. G. Flower for Care of Park, \$19 63

R. A. Sargent for Grass Seed, 37

F. W. Spinney of Haverhill on Account, 20 00

\$40 00

There is now due Mr. Spinney a balance of \$40.00 on the shrubs which he furnished us and we are paying him something each year as he suggested.

RICHARD A. SARGENT,
WALTER L. CHALONER,
FREDERICK C. GRANT.

Trustees.

REPORT OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES.

Locust Grove Cemetery.

Receipts.

1914.

March.	Balance on hand as per last report,	\$ 32 20
	By cash sale of Lot (balance)	\$ 5 00
	By cash sale Loam and Stumpage,	1 25
June.	By cash sale Two Lots,	50 00
	By cash sale Stone and Use of	
	Roller,	1 50
July.	By cash sale Lot,	35 00
Sept.	By cash sale Three Lots,	75 00
Nov.	By cash sale Loam,	13 75
	By cash sale on Acct. of Lot,	2 00
Dec.,	By cash sale Lot,	10 00
		\$193 50
		\$225 70
Contingent Fund in Merrimac Sav. Bank,		\$347 01

Expended.

April.	To cash to Supt. to cover	
	bank error,	\$ 4 25
	To cash for labor burning	
	cemetery,	8 85

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May.	To cash paid H. O. Smith ,labor,	8 00
	To cash paid J. Gilmore, labor,	4 20
	To cash paid W .S. Pattee,	2 75
	To cash paid M. J. Burns,	4 55
	To cash paid Burley Sawyer, plants,	2 00
	To cash paid H. Smith, labor,	4 75
	To cash paid J. J. Moar, labor,	1 75
	To cash paid G. G. Larkin, oak plank,	1 05
	To cash paid Thos. Troughton, plants,	3 00
	To cash paid Richard Finn, labor,	5 25
July.	To cash paid A. J. Flower, labor,	2 63
	To cash paid Willis M. Foster, labor,	1 96
	To cash paid G. G. Davis, teaming,	4 00
	To cash paid G. Gilman Sargent,	1 13
	To cash paid lining wall and bounds to lots,	2 00
	To cash paid Neil Foster, labor,	1 96
Sept.	To cash paid Stock and Wood and M. Gilmore, labor,	12 75
Oct.	To cash paid Wood and M. Gilmore, labor,	14 00
	To cash paid Wood and M. Gilmore, labor,	8 00
	To cash paid Wood and M. Gilmore, labor,	4 00
Nov.	To cash paid M. Foster and M .Gilmore, labor,	27 75
Dec.	To cash paid Miscellaneous and Expense Acct.,	51 75

 \$192 33

Deposit in First National Bank, \$ 33 37

\$225 70

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. G. LARKIN,
Supt.

Church and Lower Corner Cemetery.

Memorandum Acct. Paid by Town Treasurer per order
of Selectmen.

Receipts.

July 1914. From sale of Hay,	\$ 6 00	
From sale of Hay,	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$10 00
Appropriation,	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 110 00

Expenditures.

Dec. 1913 to Dec. 1914.

To cash paid W. S. Pettee, Labor,	\$ 4 00
To cash paid A. Peavey,	4 00
To cash paid A. Trefethen,	1 25
To cash paid A. Peavey,	1 00
To cash paid W. S. Pattee,	1 50
To cash paid Richard Finn,	2 00
To cash paid J. Gilmore,	2 00
To cash paid H. Smith,	2 00
To cash paid J. B. Heath, stock,	4 21
To cash paid G. G. Davis, Team,	1 50
To cash paid A. G. Flower, Labor,	4 13

To cash paid Willis Foster,	6 12	
To cash paid O. F. Bennett,	1 30	
To cash paid J. E. Currier, Stock,	11 02	
To cash paid J. M. Gilmore, Labor,	5 00	
To cash paid Benj. Wood,	6 00	
To cash paid C. C. Witham,	8 97	
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		\$ 66 66
Trustees Miscellaneous and Ex-		
pense bill,		\$ 43 34
		\$ 110 00

Respectfully submitted,

G. G. LARKIN,
Supt.

Perpetual Care of Cemetery Lots.

Amount expended for care in 1914
by trustees for labor and material, \$104 57
(For details see treas. report).

New P. C. lot 1914.

Charles A. Noyes trust fund for Charles Henry Noyes family lot in Church Street Cemetery.

The Mason W. R. Downing fund for the perpetual care of the John R. Sargent and Ichobed Nichols lot in Church Street Cemetery (located near the old front entrance.) Deposited in Merrimack Savings Bank.

Perpetual Care of Lots.

Under Massachusetts Laws, Revised Statutes, 1902, Chap. 78 ,Sec. 24 of Cemeteries and Burials.

A town in which Cemetery Commissioners or Trustees are chosen may receive gifts or bequests for main-

taining cemeteries or cemetery lots, which shall be paid into the town treasury of said town and with the accounts thereof, shall be kept separate from the other money and accounts of said town; the town treasurer shall invest all such funds in accordance with the stipulations, if any accompany them; otherwise he shall invest them as ordered by the Selectmen and Commissioners or Trustees, and pay the income therefrom upon their order, or with their approval.

The income only can be used under this law.

NOTE—Union Soldiers buried in Merrimac Cemeteries as follows, viz:

Church Street Cemetery,	34
Locust Grove Cemetery,	24
Lower Corner Cemetery,	8
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An increase of two in 1914.

By an act passed by Mass. legislature last winter, towns will have to appropriate much larger amounts than formerly to carry out this act which seems very complicated and obscure. This matter will be taken up by proper authorities and come to an understanding before our next annual meeting.

**THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT MERRIMAC
PUBLIC LIBRARY.**

The work of the library has been carried on this year on practically the same lines as in former years. The only departure from the usual routine has been the establishment of a branch at the Port, which has been made in connection with the new library association recently formed there by some of the progressive residents of that part of the town .

In compliance with a request from this association books have been placed in their care to be circulated among the residents of that locality. By the plan adopted the association is allowed to take one hundred books from the library, transport them to their rooms without expense to the town, have the use of them for a period of three months, when they are to be returned to the main library and the same number of other books are to be taken. We feel confident that the books will be well taken care of, the distribution among the readers, and the return to the library well looked after. By this arrangement we hope to bring a large number of readers into closer touch with the library.

We feel that any reasonable plan by which the many useful and interesting books in the library can be distributed among the people, and read by them is well worth trying, and keeping in operation unless serious objections are found. For some reason the patronage of the library has fallen off very materially in recent years; the circulation of books this year being the smallest for many

years, probably for any year since the library was instituted. The small number this year, however, can be accounted for, in part, by the difference in the time covered by the report, this year the time covered being eleven months instead of twelve as has previously been reported. We have formerly closed our library year on January 31st, but this year we have closed with December 31st, in accordance with the other departments of the town.

In looking up the reports we find that the annual circulation of books for the past few years has been under seven thousand volumes, while in earlier years we have had a circulation of over thirteen thousand volumes. We are very sorry to note this condition, and hope the immediate future will show increased interest in the library and a very much larger circulation of books. It seems to the trustees that the library should work with the schools, and that the teachers should encourage the scholars to use the library freely in connection with their studies. The trustees would gladly add to the library any books that could be profitably used in this way.

We have added a good number of books this year, much of the best of current fiction, as well as books of a more solid nature, several on subjects that are occupying the attention of everybody at the present time.

The total number of books added this year is 121, viz.:

Purchased by trustees,	102
Presented by the state,	12
Presented by Regimental Veterans' Association,	1
Presented by the United States,	3
Presented by M. G. Overlook,	1
Presented by Mr. Clifford Howe,	2

Total number of books circulated			
from main library,			6000
Monthly circulation is as follows:			
Feb.,	526	August,	510
March	607	Sept.,	511
April,	594	Oct.,	481
May	560	Nov.,	482
June	576	Dec.,	632
July	521		

In addition to the above, 142 books have been loaned at the Port branch in the short time since it was formed.

Financial Statement.

Bal. at first of year,	\$ 14 30	
Town appropriation,	400 00	
Received for Cards, Fines, etc.,	42 76	
Received for Books Sold,	3 77	
		\$460 83
Paid Librarian,	\$200 00	
Paid Z. Lovell, Supplies,	1 10	
Paid Supplies for rooms,	2 75	
Paid Library Bureau, Filing Cabinet,	23 00	
Paid for Electric Wiring,	2 50	
Paid for Book List,	1 00	
Paid for Binding,	30 27	
Paid for Magazines,	28 00	
Paid for Heating Rooms,	25 00	
Paid for printing,	2 00	
Paid for Readers' Guide, two		
years subscription,	7 48	
Paid for Cleaning Rooms,	2 50	
Paid for Books,	109 50	

Paid for Express, Postage, and Supplies,	8 09	
Paid for Light Bulbs,	1 20	
Paid for Work on New Catalogue,	10 00	
Balance,	6 44	
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		\$460 83

Schedule of property from which income is derived:
A. E. Goodwin fund with interest to Oct., 1914, \$319 78
James Whittier fund with interest to Oct., 1914, 429 06

Your trustees feel that \$400.00 is the minimum amount required to carry on the work of the library, and would, therefore, ask for an appropriation of that amount.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS H. HOYT,
HERBERT O. DELANO,
CHARLES W. SAWYER,
WILLIAM B. SARGENT,
B. FRANK SMITH,
ALBERT P. WADLEIGH,
Library Trustees.

W. B. SARGENT, Secretary.

Merrimac, Mass., Feb. 1st, 1915.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

BIRTHS.

Number of births returned,	29
Males,	11
Females,	18
Father native born,	23
Mother native born,	25
Father and mother both native born,	22
Father and mother both foreign born,	3

MARRIAGES.

Number of marriages recorded,	17
First marriage of groom,	15
First marriage of bride,	16
Grooms native born,	14
Brides native born,	15
Average age of groom,	29 yrs., 10 mos.
Average age of bride,	24 yrs., 11 mos.

DEATHS.

Number of deaths recorded,	47
Males,	27
Females,	20
Under five years,	2
Males, native born,	23
Females, native born,	14
Males, foreign born,	4

Females, foreign born,	6
Of native parentage,	32
Of foreign parentage,	14
Of mixed parentage,	1
Average age,	64 yrs., 9 mos., 3 days
Oldest person,	89 yrs., 11 mos., 14 days

DOGS.

Number of dogs licensed,	82
Males,	71
Females,	11

CLIFTON B. HEATH,
Town Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE BOARD OF

WATER COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Water Commissioners herein submit their eleventh annual report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1914:

During the past year we have added 11 services, making the total to date 539. Of this number there are 49 services shut off, the largest number in the history of the water plant. This leaves but 490 in use, or 15 less than a year ago.

But we show an increase in receipts from water rates of \$199.20 over last year. But it is very doubtful if this showing can be made the coming year owing to the decrease in the receipts from factories, our largest consumers.

The pumping reports show 34,782,015 gallons of water pumped for the year.

ESTIMATES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:

Expense.

Gross receipts of operating plant,	\$4,349 04
Bonds,	3,500 00
Note,	500 00
Interest,	2,590 00
Construction,	200 00
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	\$11,139 04

Income.

Water rates,	\$5,500 00	
Light Dept. rent,	300 00	
Appropriation for municipal use,	2,271 00	
Appropriation for maintenance,	2,563 64	
Appropriation for construction,	200 00	
Cash on hand,	304 40	
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		\$11,139 04

We recommend that the town appropriate for water for municipal use,	\$2,271 00
For maintenance,	2,563 64
For construction ,	200 00
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\$5,034 64

CONSTRUCTION.

G. G. Davis, team,	\$ 211 25
Payroll to employees,	594 72
Builders' Iron Foundry, service boxes,	11 10
A .McInnis, freight and trucking,	1 87
Selectmen, express paid,	1 00
National Meter Co., 1½-inch meter,	40 00
H. Franklin, stock and labor,	1 85
O .F. Bennett, stock and labor,	2 48
Macbee Pipe Co., service pipe,	52 30
G. P. Anderson, supplies,	118 25
W. T. Kelly, stock and labor,	1 50
I. B. Little Co., supplies,	40
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\$1,036 72

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Construction cash on hand Jan.	
1, 1914,	\$ 9 83
Appropriation,	250 00
Received for laying service pipe,	100 91
Received for Light Dept. team and labor,	530 52
Received for sale of material and labor,	22 60
General cash used for construction,	122 86
	\$1,036 72

MAINTENANCE.

Repairs.

G. P. Anderson, supplies,	\$ 96 92
G. G. Davis, team,	39 75
National Meter Co., supplies,	19 34
Stillman Carmichael, supplies,	14 92
Sargent Coal Co., supplies,	1 20
Payroll of employees,	66 90
I. B. Little Co., supplies,	11 96
H. Franklin, stock and labor,	2 28
A. McInnis, freight and trucking,	3 27
O. F. Bennett, stock and labor,	8 72
Deane Steam Pump Co., repairing pump,	401 33
J. L. Howe, stock and labor,	34
Jonah & George, supplies,	2 50
Scannell Boiler Works, chucks and arches,	18 40
E. H. Alexander, supplies,	19 08
D. Roy, repairs on boilers,	13 25
W. A. Bailey, expense,	33
International Steam Pump Co., supplies,	6 23
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	\$ 726 72

Oil and Waste.

G. P. Anderson, oil and waste,	\$ 192 99	
A. McInnis, freight and trucking,	13 01	
	<hr/>	\$ 206 00

Salaries.

W. A. Bailey, superintendent,	\$ 424 97	
W. H. Scott, collector and bookkeeper,	125 00	
W. A. Bailey, commissioner,	12 50	
G. A. Titcomb, commissioner,	12 50	
W. H. Scott, commissioner,	12 50	
	<hr/>	\$ 587 47

Fuel.

Light dept., fuel,	\$1211 13	
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Supplies to Station.

G. P. Anderson, supplies,	\$ 41 87	
Selectmen, express paid,	1 45	
A. McInnis, freight and trucking,	1 31	
I. B. Little Co., supplies,	1 80	
Zenas Lovell & Co., supplies,	8 97	
	<hr/>	\$ 55 40

Station Wages.

Geo. G. Hall, engineer,	\$1,043 33	
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Office Expense.

Merrimac Post Office,		
Stamps and box rent,	\$	36 60
Sargent Coal Co., for office and library,		89 84
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.,		
service and rental,		57 60
A. L. Howe, labor,		1 25
B. G. Davis, awning,		10 80
H. H. Story, supplies,		95
W. H. Scott, expense,		3 30
Z. Lovell & Co., supplies,		1 10
Merrimac Job Print, books and		
printing,		31 00
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	\$	232 44

Cost of Construction.

Cost to Jan. 1, 1914.

Pumping station,	\$	6,631 74
Boilers,		3,473 70
Pumps,		5,889 06
Coal shed,		339 60
Road to station,		272 00
Suction pump,		2,369 86
Pipe line,		26,304 47
Pipe laying,		12,808 57
Clearing land,		620 08
Stand pipe,		6,165 21
Investigating committee,		2,344 12
Meters,		3,074 90
Engineering,		3,036 10
Freight and express,		245 99
Miscellaneous,		971 98
Salaries,		1,500 00
Land,		3,475 34

Service pipe,	7,219 56	
Reservoir at station,	137 99	
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		\$86,880 27

Additions 1914.

Service pipe,	\$ 342 69	
Meter,	40 00	
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		\$ 382 69
		\$87,262 96

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To accrued interest and unpaid bills,	\$ 1,276 54
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By cash on hand,	\$ 304 41
By fuel on hand,	424 14
By supplies on hand,	20 48
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	\$ 749 03

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

State Board of Health

Subject to Correction

Merrimac Water Analysis. (Parts in 100,000). 1914.

Number	DATE OF		APPEARANCE		ODOR		Residue on Evaporation	AMMONIA		Chlorine	Nitrogen As		Hardness	Iron	Remarks
	Collection	Exam'tion	Turbidity	Sediment	Color	Cold		Hot	Free		Albu- minoid	Nitrates			
120286	6	Nov 1914	none	none	.00	none	none	.0000	.0008	.55	.0180	.0000	2.6	.007	Wells
118778	2	Sept 1914	none	none	.00	none	none	.0000	.0016	.53	.0200	.0000	2.2	.006	Wells
117346	8	July 1914	none	none	.00	none	none	.0004	.0014	.58	.0180	.0000	2.7	.005	Wells
116017	8	May	none	none	.00	none	none	.0004	.0028	.52	.0180	.0000	2.2	.004	Wells
114889	4	March 1914	none	none	.00	none	none	.0000	.0020	.51	.0180	.0000	2.6	.013	Wells
113845	9	Jan 1914	none	none	.00	none	none	.0010	.0020	.52	.0180	.0000	2.3	.011	Wells

Insurance.

Merrimac Insurance Agency, liability,	\$ 49 21	
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Bonds, Notes and Interest.

Bond payments,	\$ 3,500 00	
Note payments,	500 00	
Interest payment,	2,750 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,750 00
Total,	<hr/>	\$11,898 42

Balance Sheet.

Receipts.

• Appropriation for construction,	\$ 250 00
Appropriation municipal use,	2,171 00
Appropriation maintenance,	1,266 21
Water rates,	5,661 72
Laying service pipe,	100 91
Miscellaneous,	22 60
Light dept.:	
Rent,	300 00
Oil and waste,	154 50
Team and labor,	530 52
Office expense,	100 72
Supplies,	27 70
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1914,	1,616 95
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	\$12,202 83

Expended.

For construction,	\$ 1,036 72
For maintenance,	10,861 70
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1915,	304 41
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	\$12,202 83

WILLIS H. SCOTT,
GEORGE A. TITCOMB,
WARREN A. BAILEY,

Water Commissioners.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

The Municipal Light Board herein submit their eleventh annual report for the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 1914.

At the special town meetings of Jan. 19, and May 12, it was voted to issue notes for construction account to the amount of \$3,150.00, this with \$500.00 from depreciation fund, to be used for extensions of the lighting system.

The Bureau of Statistics would authorize the issue of only one note of \$700.00, making it necessary to take the balance from the depreciation fund.

Receipts account of construction

were, from depreciation fund,	\$3,030 55
Note of June 1, 1914,	700 00
Appropriation Merrimac and Wa-	
ter streets,	150 00
Appropriation for depreciation, 1914 ,	822 90
Sale of material,	9 08

\$4,712 53

Amount charged to construction,	\$4,681 19
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Cash balance,	\$ 31 34
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Credit by material purchased to be used for renewals or construction,	\$ 516 22
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Net cost of construction,	\$4,133 63
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The additions for the year were, from extensions, 8 lighting services.

General construction, 19 lighting services, and 4 power services.

Number in use Jan. 1, 1915: Power, 12 services; Domestic, 86 services; Commercial, 59 services.

Shut off: 9 Domestic services, 3 Commercial services, and 1 Power service.

Street Lights installed: Jan. 1, 1914, 333; Jan. 1, 1915, 390.

K. W. H. delivered at switchboard: For Power, 2-phase, 95,860; single-phase, estimated, 3,418; street lights, 39,040; domestic and commercial, 52,262. Total, 190,580.

Light Report.

The plant shows an apparent loss in operation for the year of \$200.39. This is owing to the methods required by the state in bookkeeping, as you must pay all bills for maintenance from the receipts from private consumers plus the appropriation for maintenance, regardless of cash on hand, or show a loss in operation. Although, as was the case the past year, \$822.90 of the appropriation for maintenance was used for construction.

And if the cash on hand Jan. 1, 1914, \$1,429.90 had been called "on the books," turned back to the town, and then added to the appropriation for maintenance, making the appropriation \$3,074.11, the plant would have shown an apparent profit of \$1,229.51.

Under chapter 742, section 114, Acts of 1914, the Manager has furnished the Board with the following estimates of income and expense for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 1915:

EXPENSE.

Gross expense,	\$6,491 53
Interest,	362 00
Depreciation,	963 34
Notes,	1,300 00
Bond,	500 00
Loss preceding year,	200 39
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	\$9,817 26

INCOME.

From private consumers,	\$7,000 00
From appropriation for maintenance,	2,817 26
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	\$9,817 26

The sum of \$2,817.26 is the amount to be included by the town in the annual appropriation and in the tax levy.

CONSTRUCTION.

Street Lines.

A. McInnis, freight and trucking,	\$ 29 24
G. W. Sargent Sons, pole,	2 50
I. B. Little Co., supplies,	10 43
Jonah & George, supplies,	50
R. W. Hammond, supplies,	3 00
Pettingill Andrews Co., wire,	
poles, etc.,	3,078 08
Payroll to employees,	309 84
A .O. Nicol, teaming,	63 75
B. & M. R. R., freight,	84 11
G. G. Davis, team,	32 25
W. T. Kelley, dynamite and labor,	81
Sargent Coal Co., supplies,	1 50
Water Dept., team and labor,	365 34
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	\$3,981 35

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Credit for incandescent lamps,	\$ 31 34
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\$3,950 01

Transformers.

J. A. Robbins Sons Co., supplies,	\$ 1 44
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Westinghouse E. & M. Co., trans- formers,	437 08
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Pettingill Andrews Co., transformers,	72 90
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A. McInnis, freight and trucking,	11 76
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Payroll to employees,	25 35
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Water Dept., team and labor,	30 44
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\$5,789 97

Meters.

Westinghouse E. & M. Co., meters,	\$ 145 50
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A. McInnis, freight and trucking,	66
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Selectmen, expense paid,	4 05
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Water Dept., team,	2 00
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\$152 21

MAINTENANCE.

Fuel.

Sargent Coal Co., fuel and teaming,	\$ 712 42
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Atkinson Coal Co., fuel,	4,361 34
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N. E. Coal and Coke Co., fuel,	161 69
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B. & M. R. R., freight,	366 37
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\$5,601 82

Oil and Waste.

Water Dept., oil and waste,	\$154 50
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A. McInnis, trucking,	50
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\$ 155 00

Station Wages.

A. J. Cottom, engineer,	\$1,040 00	
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		\$1,040 00

Repairing Steam Plant .

Ridgway Co., repairing engine,	\$ 162 25	
A. McInnis, freight and trucking,	6 68	
W. A. Barbeau, repairs,	6 75	
G. W. J. Murphy Co., stock and labor,	4 75	
Merrimack Hinge Co., stock and labor,	4 37	
G. P. Anderson, supplies,	37 50	
Pettingill Andrews Co., supplies,	1 50	
Water Dept., team,	3 75	
Water Dept., supplies,	27 70	
Baker Foundry and Machine Co., machine work,	20 65	
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		\$ 275 90

Repairing Electric Plant.

P. H. Fernald, labor and expense,	\$ 29 40	
Merrimack Hinge Co., stock and labor,	3 50	
Westinghouse E. & M. Co., supplies,	2 47	
I .B. Little Co., supplies,	18	
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		\$ 35 55

Distribution Tools.

I. B. Little Co., tools,	\$ 13 97	
Walker Carriage Co., stock and labor,	2 75	
J. L. Fales, ladder,	2 00	
Pettingill Andrews Co., tools,	8 20	
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		\$ 26 92

Repairing Lines, Etc.

Pettingill Andrews Co., supplies,	\$ 45 90	
Westinghouse Co., supplies,	58	
Payroll to employees,	53 22	
Water Dept., teams and labor,	128 99	
Sargent Coal Co., supplies,	1 00	
G. G. Davis, team,	2 00	
B. & M. R. R., freight,	11 00	
A. McInnis, freight and trucking,	60	
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		\$ 243 29

Lamps, Etc.

Pettingill Andrews Co., lamps, etc.,	\$ 551 30	
Credit to street lines,	31 34	
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		\$ 582 64

General Salaries.

W. A. Bailey, manager,	\$ 399 97	
W. H. Scott, collector and bookkeeper,	208 30	
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		\$ 608 27

Salaries Municipal Light Board.

W. A. Bailey, commissioner,	\$ 12 50	
G. A. Titcomb, commissioner,	12 50	
W. H. Scott, commissioner,	12 50	
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		\$ 37 50

Office Expense.

Merrimack Job Print, printing,	\$ 15 00	
I. B. Little Co., supplies,	1 25	
Water Dept., expense,	100 72	
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		\$ 116 97

Insurance and Incidentals.

Merrimac Insurance Agency, Com-	
pensation and Liability,	\$ 168 18
Water Dept., rent,	300 00
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	\$ 468 18

Bonds, Notes, and Interest.

Bond payment,	\$ 500 00
Note payment,	600 00
Interest on bonds,	260 00
Interest on notes,	146 00
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	\$1,506 00
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Total,	\$15,379 23

Balance Sheet.

General cash on hand Jan. 1, 1914,	\$1,429 90
Depreciation cash,	2,992 16
Interest on depreciation fund,	98 60
Sale of light and power,	7,355 49
Appropriation for maintenance,	1,644 21
Appropriation for construction,	150 00
Construction Note,	700 00
Water Dept., fuel,	1,211 13
Sale of lamps, etc.,	444 09
Miscellaneous,	54 08
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	\$16,079 66

Expended.

For construction,	\$4,681 19
For maintenance,	\$10,698 04
General cash balance,	640 22
Depreciation fund,	60 21
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	\$16,079 66

Cost of Construction.

Steam plant,	\$3,985 39
Electric plant,	4,481 01
Street lines,	17,166 04
Transformers,	4,027 30
Meters,	2,451 73
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	\$32,111 47

Assets.

Steam plant,	\$3,202 02
Electric plant,	2,927 46
Street lines,	14,970 55
Transformers,	2,124 40
Meters,	1,743 39
Due from light and power,	1,139 70
Lamps, etc., on hand and charged,	263 92
Fuel on hand,	1,696 56
Tools on hand,	144 58
General cash,	640 22
Depreciation fund,	60 21
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	\$28,913 01

Liabilities.

Bonds outstanding,	\$6,000 00
Notes payable,	3,700 00
Appropriations for construction,	5,375 83
Appropriation for bond payments,	4,000 00
Appropriations for note payments,	679 80
Unpaid bills,	72 91
Interest accrued but not due,	170 66
Profit and loss balance,	8,913 81
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	\$28,913 01

WILLIS H. SCOTT,
 GEORGE A. TITCOMB,
 WARREN A. BAILEY.

Municipal Light Board.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The School Committee make the following report and also submit herewith the reports of the Superintendent, Principal of the High School and Supervisor of Music.

The committee organized after the annual Town Meeting as follows:

Ralph H. Sargent, chairman.

Mrs. Ellen H. Murphy, purchasing agent.

Frederick C. Grant, secretary.

It gives us pleasure to state that with two exceptions we have been able to retain the same corps of teachers as last year. Miss Little, assistant in the High school, resigned early in the present school year and was succeeded by Miss Mae G. Bagley. Miss Noyes, teacher of the first and second grades, resigned at the close of the last school year, and was succeeded by Miss Laura S. Wing. Owing to the large attendance in these grades at the opening of the school year, between 60 and 70 scholars, we were obliged to secure an assistant. Miss Mary M. McEttrick was selected for this position.

We regard the work of the past year as distinctly better than that of the year preceding and feel that the standing of the schools has been raised considerably, both in the High school and in the grades.

We have built a new chemistry room for use of the High school by removing some partitions and making three large closets into one room. This was a much needed improvement.

A new furnace to heat the halls has been installed at a cost of \$115.

The centre school building roof has been repaired as it commenced to leak badly. This building will need shingling before long.

We have repaired the foundation of the Prospect street school building, fitted new conductors and tiled them to blind walls to take care of the water from the roof.

At the Merrimacport school building much needed repairs have been made. We found more to do there than was anticipated. The roof has been shingled, new gutters and conductors fitted and tiled to the brook. We had to rebuild part of the cellar wall, it having been undermined and thrown out of place by water from the roof. The school room was thoroughly cleaned and repaired, and painted or varnished as required.

The cost of transportation will exceed the appropriation for the reason that we have had to engage a team to bring in scholars from the Highland district, whereas at the close of the last school year there were none needing transportation.

We have been visited two or three times by the inspector representing the building department of the district police. He examined the Centre school on the occasion of his first visit and ordered iron fire escapes to be placed to allow of exit from the two upper rooms. Also new treads and hand rails to the stairs and liquid chemical fire extinguishers on each floor. This equipment will cost about \$350.

Later he visited the High and Prospect street school buildings. He ordered the ceilings of the basements metal lathed and plastered. At the High school T face bolts on the standing leaves of all double doors leading to exits. Hand rails to basement stairs. Liquid chemical

fire extinguishers on each floor. This also applies to the Prospect street school.

Most of the work for the lath, plastering and carpenter work ordered has been done. The contract was given to N. S. Cole & Son, they being the lowest bidders at \$373.65.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the expenses of the past year have been exceptionally heavy. We have been unable to pay all the bills for the work done and contracted for. At the annual Town Meeting a full statement will be made, and the necessary funds asked for to settle the accounts. We have preferred to take this course rather than overdraw the appropriation.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH H. SARGENT,
FREDERICK C. GRANT,
ELLEN M. MURPHY,

School Committee.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Teachers' Salaries.

	Per Month.
High school:	
Principal C. C. Putney,	\$110 00
Assistant Annabelle Lyons,	55 00
Assistant Louise A. Morrison,	50 00
Assistant Mae G. Bagley,	50 00
Eighth grade:	
H. H. Broadfoot,	50 00
Seventh grade:	
Edna G. Smith,	50 00
Sixth grade:	
A. Marguerite Williams,	47 50
Fifth grade:	
Anna M. Kelley,	45 00
Fourth grade:	
May M. Smilie,	45 00
Third grade:	
Mary A. Hughes,	45 00
Second and first grades:	
Laura S. Wing,	45 00
Mary M. McEttrick, assistant,	40 00
Merrimacport:	
Annie M. Sargent,	45 00

Receipts.

General appropriation,	\$ 7,700 00
Transportation,	500 00

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Account superintendent's salary,	375 00
For repairs,	350 00
Treasurer of Commonwealth:	
Tuition of minor wards,	147 00
Massachusetts school fund,	1,022 51
Dog tax, .	122 59
City of Boston, tuition,	67 50
Town of Salisbury, tuition,	115 00
Town of Newton, N. H., tuition,	15 00
Mrs. H. A. Watts, tuition,	15 00
F. H. Beckford, Amesbury, tuition,	15 00
Sale of old books,	35
State, account superintendent's salary,	437 50
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	\$10,882 45

Expenditures.

School Committee, office expense,	\$ 6 00
Superintendent's salary,	654 54
Census officer,	25 00
Incidentals,	16 15
Supervisor's salary,	200 00
Principal High school, salary,	1,040 00
Assistants, High school, salaries,	1,490 00
Teachers, elementary grades, salaries,	3,808 26
Text books:	
High,	28 40
Elementary,	22 63
Stationery and supplies:	
High,	237 00
Elementary,	98 42
Janitor:	
High,	250 00
Elementary,	448 00

Fuel:		
High,		264 96
Elementary,		397 07
Repairs:		
High,		258 36
Elementary,		535 39
School physician, 2 years,		100 00
Transportation,		636 50
Tuition,		100 00
New equipment, fire escapes,		303 80
Typewriter repairs, etc.,		15 00
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		\$10,935 98
Receipts,	\$10,882 45	
Due from state:		
Tuition of minor wards,	52 00	
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Expenditures		10,935 98
		\$10,934 45
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Overdrawn,		\$ 1 53

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee of Merrimac:

Gentlemen:—I have the pleasure of presenting you my third annual report.

TEACHERS.

There is only one change in the corps of teachers of last year. Miss Julia Noyes, teacher of the first and second grades, resigned at the close of the year and Miss Laura Wing, a graduate from the Salem Normal school, was elected to fill her position. Miss Wing had had two years' experience in teaching before coming to Merrimac. She has filled this position very acceptably indeed.

On the opening of the school in September the enrollment in the first and second grades was so large that it became necessary to employ an assistant for the primary room. I believe the committee was fortunate in its selection of Miss Mary M. McEttrick for that position. Strong progressive work has been done by these two teachers under considerable difficulty, and I believe these classes will not fall behind the standard of those of previous years.

SALARIES.

The committee very generously gave all the teachers in town substantial increases in their salaries. This cannot help but meet with the approval of the citizens, for the laborer is worthy of his hire. This must be done at times, to offset the increasing cost of board and other

expenses. I feel that the town, through its committee, is disposed to do all it can along this line. Merrimac is a beautiful town, social relations are good and the nearness to larger places makes it a most desirable town and one in which teachers may find it a pleasure to reside for a few years at least.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

A number of meetings have been held this year. At these meetings the superintendent has talked upon certain phases of the school work. Opportunity also has been given to the teachers to present any school problems that might be giving them some trouble of solution. In addition to this I make it a practice to do a great deal of individual work with the teachers, taking up with them problems I find when visiting the various grades, as well as suggesting to them different ways of presenting their subjects and lessons. In addition to this the slow or retarded pupils receive my personal attention, their standing is taken up with the teacher and ways devised and suggestions made for helping them.

THE STANDARD OF WORK

The standard being maintained in our schools is, I believe, in advance of that of last year. There has been less friction between teachers and pupils, schools and parents, than for some time. This is a big factor for efficient, progressive work.

BOOKS.

The Aldine System is still used for basal work in the teaching of reading. This is followed by work in Cyr, Jones and Buckwalter readers. Beginning with the third grade considerable supplementary reading matter is used.

The Hamilton arithmetics used in all grades are giving general satisfaction. In geography, Frye is used in the fifth grade, the National in the sixth and eighth grades and Tarr and McMurry in the seventh grade. The Conn physiology is still in use. The Progressive Lessons in English has been introduced this year throughout all the grades, taking the place of several editions of the Cooley, Webster and Cooley-Webster books in use, as well as the Mary F. Hyde book in English. This book unifies the work in English. It is a two-volume series with three years' work in the first book and two in the second, covering one hundred lessons for each year. Each year's work has many references to those preceding, thus keeping the pupil constantly in touch with all that has gone before, upon any and all subjects. Altogether the schools are reasonably well equipped with the necessary text books.

HOME GARDENS.

This summer a considerable number of the boys and girls had home gardens. The produce of the gardens was on local exhibition as well as at the several neighboring fairs. Several prizes were taken by the young agriculturalists. This is a good movement and needs the encouragement of all, school officials as well as parents and citizens.

PLAN BOOKS.

Realizing that success in teaching cannot be attained without definite and careful daily planning and preparation of lessons, I have provided each teacher in the grades with a Holmes Elementary Plan Book. This record of daily work is not only of value to the teacher but it provides the superintendent a record so that he may assure himself, reasonably, of what is being done each day in the schools.

REPAIRS.

During the summer extensive plans were made at the Port and at the High school. In addition to this, by order of the Inspector of Buildings, the Central school was equipped with fire escapes, the basements of the High and Prospect street schools were lathed and plastered, besides some minor repairs and changes in the various buildings.

EIGHT GRADES.

The trend is still away from nine to eight grade schools. The Superintendent of Schools in Newburyport, in his 1912 report, states that outside of New England, nine grades are almost unknown, and that very few towns and cities in New England are now maintaining nine grades. Mr. Claxton, United States Commissioner of Education, in his 1913 report practically states, that he knows of no reason why a school system should have nine grades.

This system came into existence probably before the public High school became generally established, and in New England has been maintained until very recently without any excuse for so doing. Conservatism is always trailing along in the rear of progress.

IMPROVEMENTS OF HIGH SCHOOLS.

The following are some suggestions for improvements of High schools, offered by Mr. Claxton, United States Commissioner of Education.

The 12 years of elementary and high school, now grouped into 8 years of primary and grammar school and 4 years of high school, should be rearranged into 6 years of elementary school and 6 years of high school. The 6 high-school years should be subdivided into 3 years of junior high school and 3 years of senior high school. The

following are some of the generally accepted reasons for the suggested change:

1. For most children the beginning of adolescence, marking the transition from childhood to youth, comes at 12 or 13. Most writers on education have recognized this and accepted it in making their plans for a school system.

2. In most of our schools children make little real progress in the seventh and eighth grades. There has been much complaint that this is a period of marking time. This is especially true when the subject matter and the methods of the elementary school are carried through these grades, and when all the teachers are women.

3. Taking up the seventh and eighth years as a part of the High school makes it easy to begin departmental teaching in these grades and to adapt the methods of teaching and discipline to the changing demands of the children. It also makes it much easier to begin work in foreign languages, constructive geometry, history, literature, and elementary science where they should begin. We lose much by postponing the study of languages to the later years, when children have grown out of the imitative period of life, in which they can most easily learn to understand, speak, read, and write a new language.

4. Our high-school work now suffers in comparison with that of the Gymnasium and Realschule of Germany, the lycee of France, and the public school of England, and much of the work of our colleges must therefore be of a very elementary kind. With the rearrangement proposed here, boys and girls at the end of the 12 years of elementary and secondard school might have to their credit a much larger amount of effective work in lan-

guages, mathematics, science, and other subjects than they now have.

IN GENERAL.

Committee meetings have been held the Monday following the fifteenth of each month throughout the year, as well as a number of special meetings. A statute makes the Superintendent the executive officer of the School Committee, thus making the function of the School Committee, legislative.

I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation of the kindly and progressive co-operation of the committee. Without this the work of the schools would have suffered.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. SMALL,

Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF HIGH SCHOOL.

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit my annual report.

The total membership of the High school for the six months ending June 26, 1914 was 74. The average membership was 70.23. The average attendance was 66.81. The per cent of attendance was 95.13.

Sixteen students were graduated in June, 1914, as follows:

Anna D. Burns

Arthur W. Coombs, Jr.

Samuel C. Condon

Almeda B. Crouse

Gertrude A. Eldridge

Hazen W. Emery

Almin E. Finn

Charles H. Jewell

Mary M. Keough

Ernest A. Le Duc

Grace L. Libby

Esther M. McInnis

Beulah Pease

W. Russell Sargent

Norman D. Whaland

H. Pearle Wood

The total membership for the four months ending January 1, 1915 was 82. The average membership was 78.38. The average attendance was 75.68. The per cent of attendance was 95.56.

At the beginning of the spring term, Miss Katherine

G. Little resigned as teacher of English and Science in the High school. Miss Little left to accept a position in the Salem High school, taking with her the most cordial good wishes of both teachers and pupils.

In her place Miss Mae G. Bagley of Lynn is conducting the English courses, and Mr. Henry H. Broadfoot, those in Science.

Frederick H. Sargent of the class of 1915 died December 24, 1914. Mr. Sargent was a young man of fine abilities, a thorough student and one whose quiet disposition and likeable qualities had made a favorite with us all. I welcome this opportunity to express the sense of our own loss and to join in the general sympathy which has gone out to those upon whom the blow has fallen with its greatest force.

The Merrimac High school is one of the largest in the state in proportion to the number of inhabitants in the town. That fact is entirely to the credit of the town, but it is attended with one serious drawback. Our expenditures for High school purposes must be approximately that of other towns whose population and valuation are much greater than ours.

Two conclusions seem to be inevitable. First, that we cannot hope to compete with the large High schools in variety of courses offered, and that to attempt it would prove ruinous to the school. Secondly, that we must stick to the beaten paths. We should make no radical change or adopt any new idea until it has been thoroughly tested by communities whose resources are greater than ours; by communities, also, where the general conditions are the same as ours. The fact that an idea has worked out successfully in a city like Haverhill or in a state like Pennsylvania is very slight evidence that it will work out well in Merrimac.

We can, however, with our small classes and our limited variety of subjects, do our work more thoroughly and give our pupils that complete drill which is impossible in the High schools of our cities and large towns.

The Commercial Course has become a recognized feature of our High schools. Its origin lay in a popular feeling that the standard course offered the student little that was practical. Whether that feeling was mistaken or not need not be argued here. The course was admitted grudgingly into our curriculums by the educators of that day, largely with the idea of providing something for those whose mental powers were not suited to the work then in vogue, and so keeping them in school.

The plan has worked out as might have been anticipated. Very, very many pupils with mental powers ample for any kind of work, have seen and accepted the opportunity of obtaining a diploma without the expense of brain energy which the other courses would require. To offset this, it is, and has been, our aim to make our own Commercial Course a hard one; speaking practically, to require of those taking it an amount of work of the mechanical or manual sort to offset the small amount of hard study required. The results are already apparent. In the class which graduated last June thirteen out of sixteen pupils were in the Commercial Course. In the class of 1915 the proportion is seven out of thirteen.

It seems self-evident that students are in the High school primarily to train their minds and not their hands. Commercial courses may be obtained easily and inexpensively after the High school course is finished. May I not, therefore, ask the parents of our pupils to assist the teachers in taking care that the Commercial Course be not, in the future, selected merely as a path of least resistance.

Our Commercial Course has been a success. At least

seven out of its thirteen graduates of last June were qualified to accept positions as stenographers without further study. The writer is inclined to doubt if that record has ever been equalled in any school, public or private, by any class whose average age was so small.

In our freshman class of this year, we have six pupils who have entered from neighboring places which maintain a ninth grade. Every one of the six is doing much better work than any but the very brightest of their classmates. The extra year of preparation has given them an advantage to which their abilities do not entitle them, and which will undoubtedly give their High school course a value and a success which their classmates in general cannot hope for.

The changes in the course of study which went into effect last September were made largely in an attempt to meet this lack of preparation in our entering classes. Their success in that direction is only partial, as yet. The writer is more strongly than ever of the opinion that our High school will be satisfactory to nobody, committee, superintendent, parents, teachers, or the public in general, until a preparatory year is added to its course.

In this connection I might add that the students entering from our own eighth grade were in better shape, in the matter of preparation, than those coming to us from the eighth grades of neighboring towns.

I believe that no one will contend that pupils entering the High school can know what business or profession they will wish to follow in after life; or that their parents can predict with any accuracy. I believe that in many cases, the uncertainty is just as great when the pupil graduates at the age of sixteen or seventeen. Is it not a fact, then, that preparation in the High school for any special work in after life will frequently be time wasted?

The classical courses with its mixture of languages,

mathematics, and science gives the pupils, on its completion, the privilege of pursuing their studies in any direction that their maturer minds may dictate. It, also, to my mind, gives the best preparation for life to those who either are unable or do not wish to carry their studies farther. I am aware that this view is opposed to modern tendencies in education, and I state it more as an indication of what I would like to have our High school become, rather than of what it will be or can be. In this, as in the other portions of this report, I must be understood as speaking for myself alone.

Much permanent improvement has been made in the High school building during the past year. An up-to-date laboratory has been fitted up on the second floor; fire extinguishers have been placed on both floors and in the basement; a furnace has been put in to heat the halls; T-bolts have been placed on the outside doors; and the basement has been plastered and fitted with fire-proof doors at the points where it connects with the rest of the building. In its present state, the building will undoubtedly prove amply sufficient for the needs of the town for many years to come.

I wish to express my gratitude to the superintendent, committee, teachers, parents, as well as to the public at large for the hearty support and confidence of which I have had so many evidences.

Respectfully,
CLIFTON C. PUTNEY,
Principal Merrimac High School.

REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

To the School Board of the Town of Merrimac:

The following brief report is respectfully submitted.

During the past year the law relative to the inspection of school children, in the grades, has been complied with.

On the whole the children's teeth have been attended to better than heretofore.

Some of the worst cases of diseased tonsils and adenoids have been operated on, while others, although notices have been sent to the parents repeatedly, are still suffering for the need of attention.

While most children have some adenoid growth in the pharynx, notices are sent only in those cases that show either the results of the disease, by having a history of discharging ears or mouth-breathing or diseased tonsils, associated with the adenoids, with, perhaps, a defect in speech. These cases I think all doctors agree, should receive surgical attention to avoid the dangers of infection, which may disable the child or even be the indirect cause of death, as in cases of endocarditis, a complication following the rheumatism, so often seen in tonsillitis. It is conceded that a large percent of deafness comes from neglected tonsils and adenoids.

We have again been fortunate in not having had any serious infectious disease among the school children, during the past year, while at East Haverhill and West Newbury, a few miles away, the schools have been closed on account of scarlet fever.

Respectfully submitted,

F. E. SWEETSIR, M. D.,

School Physician.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

To Superintendent Small and School Board of Merrimac :

Your Supervisor of Music submits the following report of that which has been accomplished in this department during the year just closed :

This has been another very busy and successful season, in fact, the most fruitful it has been my privilege to report. Each year finds the several grades just a little in advance of those of the previous year, working from the same material and doing the same problems of former pupils. This is very gratifying, and may be accounted for in a measure, by the better understanding and presentation of the work by the regular teachers, but not wholly from that cause, I am satisfied. Stricter attention is noticeable on the part of the pupils, so that improved class work is possible. Certainly, your supervisor has yet to see in the Merrimac schools closer attention to studies and more diligence displayed by pupils, from the lower grade children to the seniors in the High school, than is apparent at the present time ; and these facts are evidently responsible, in no small degree, for the improved conditions, as it is impossible in the study of music at least, to get the best results where there is lack of proper attention.

While the work this year has been to cover, in a general way, all the features of school music study, there has been especial effort in several directions. Much thought has been given to the telling and writing of the Key signatures, both in sharps and flats, in all the grades. The upper grade pupils have made especial study of the F

(or bass) clef, so that the boys may be more proficient than heretofore in the reading of their parts when they enter the High school.

All of the grade pupils, from the second class up, are required to tell the story of the Keys in a thorough and systematic way, which is a musical education in itself, and no pupil is allowed to shirk this duty.

I will not take the space to call attention, specifically, to the work of each grade, but will refer to those rooms where the greatest interest is manifested. The fifth grade, which is located at the Prospect street school, and the sixth grade, at the Central building, best exemplify the conditions which call for special mention in this report. These schools are about equal in merit, and are entitled to much praise for their endeavors. They are not doing the same line of work, but each grade shows its superiority over classes of past years. All of the other grades are, apparently, singing up to the standards of former years.

I am pleased to note improvement in the musical conditions at the High school. Interest in and a desire to learn, songs of the higher class of music is apparent, which is a very welcome sign in these days of so-called popular music. It is the opinion of your supervisor that love for the best in music has suffered in the town of Merrimac, as well as in very many of the towns and cities of the entire country, not only in the upper classes of the schools, but in the hearts of the people, as well, because of the trashy stuff that is being constantly ground out and called music, which is heard at the theatres of the cities, and in moving-picture shows and vaudeville, wherever they are given. There seems to be no remedy in sight as yet, for this most deplorable state of musical affairs,—only patience and forbearance must be exercised, in the hope of a speedy reaction and a happy return to

rationalism in music—to the good old days of pure melody and clean moral lyrics. This frenzy for the inferior music is not noticeable in children below the seventh grade, to any great extent, and the pure, simple melodies of their school songs are greatly enjoyed and appreciated by all. Would we might all return to the love of the clean and wholesome in the realm of music.

My thanks are due to the excellent corps of teachers for co-operation; to the pupils for a most friendly spirit at all times; to Supt. Small and School Board for a commendable attitude, and for generous supplies; and to all who, in any way, assisted the supervisor in the musical part of the graduation in June, 1914.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. HARTWELL,

Supervisor of Music.

Haverhill, Jan. 12, 1915.

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